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Submission to Legislative Council Sessional Committee Government Administration A -Sub-Committee - Fin Fish Farming in Tasmania Inquiry

Dear Mr Wright

Noise: I currently live in Nubeena, (about 2km from the Tassal fish farm) and have been monitoring the noise emanating from the fish farm, Parsons Bay, over a 9 month period, up to Nov 2019. The noise is most noticeable on still nights and days, and is of a level that is irritating to me and to others I have talked to. The noise is of a low frequency and I have discovered by investigation it is emanating from diesel engines both land and sea based. Although noted on many times, on four occasions, driven by the negative effect of not being able to escape the noise, I have traced the source. On two occasions I have traced the source of the noise at night. On March 21 2019 I noticed the noise from 11.30pm (20/3) and continued until 7.45 am (21/3). The source was a boat towing a fish pen across Storm Bay and docking at 7.45 am. Indicative of the distances on water the sound will carry. On the night of April 10, the noise was coming from the land based operations of Tassal. On the 4th of April '19 the noise was evident from morning until 2.50 pm. On this occasion, the noise was noticeable in Nubeena, White Beach, and half way to Roaring Beach. Including in the surrounding foot hill adjacent to Nubeena.

The degree of nuisance I experience from this low frequency noise has stopped me from purchasing property in the area. And it is warning I give others interested in purchasing property in the Nubeena, and White Beach area.

I endorse the following recommendations by the Tasmanian Conservation Trust: Amend the Marine Farming Planning Act to require valuation and protection of social, recreational and visual amenity; and consideration of noise impacts on surrounding residents.

Thank you for reviewing my submission

Yours Sincerely  
Benjamin Dean